

Zoning Text Amendment No: 07-15  
Concerning: Signs – Permits Fees  
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**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF  
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Councilmember Floreen, Council President Praisner, and Councilmember Ervin

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**AN AMENDMENT** to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance to:

- allow permit fees to be waived or reduced for non-profit organizations on the Planning Board's list of civic and homeowner organizations;
- remove references to the content of any sign that may have waived or reduced sign permit fees; and
- generally amend the provision related to sign permits.

By amending the following section of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code:

DIVISION 59-F-9      Permits and Licenses  
Section 59-F-9.1      Permits

**EXPLANATION:** ***Boldface** indicates a heading or a defined term.*  
*Underlining indicates text that is added to existing laws by the original text amendment.*  
*[Single boldface brackets] indicate text that is deleted from existing law by the original text amendment.*  
*Double underlining indicates text that is added to the text amendment by amendment.*  
*[[Double boldface brackets]] indicate text that is deleted from the text amendment by amendment.*  
*\* \* \* indicates existing law unaffected by the text amendment.*

*ORDINANCE*

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following ordinance:*

**Sec. 1. DIVISION 59-F-9 is amended as follows:**

**Division 59-F-9. Permits and Licenses.**

**59-F-9.1. Permit.**

(a) When Required.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in Divisions 59-F-8[. "Exempt Signs"] and 59-F-6[. "Temporary Signs"], a permit must be obtained [in accordance with] under this Article when a sign is constructed, erected, moved, enlarged, illuminated, or substantially altered.

(2) Routine maintenance does not require a permit. [Such] Routine maintenance includes painting, cleaning, changing copy where permitted, or changing copy in compliance with a sign concept plan.

(b) Application. The property owner [or agent, along with the lessee, if any,] and the sign installer[,] must file a joint application for the sign permit on forms [prescribed] provided by the Director. If the property owner has an agent or lessee, the agent and the lessee must also sign each permit form. The application must be accompanied by all required documents and fees. The Director may waive or reduce all required fees if:

(1) the primary applicant is a non-profit organization that:

(A) is on the Planning Board's list of civic and homeowners associations; or

(B) by law is exempt from federal income taxes [;(2) the organization shows that] and demonstrates that its annual revenue during its most recent fiscal year was less than

an amount set by a regulation adopted by the Director  
under method (2);

[(3) the organization will use the sign only for its own  
activities;] and

[(4)](2) the size of the proposed sign is smaller than a maximum  
size set by a regulation adopted by the Director under  
method (2).

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**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This ordinance takes effect 20 days after the date of  
Council adoption.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council